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City of Kankakee to Continue to Operate Under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order with New Modifications

Kankakee, IL – Governor J.B. Pritzker has extended the "Shelter-in-Place Executive Order with modifications beginning today on May 1, 2020 through Saturday, May 30, 2020. Beginning May 1, 2020, all persons ages two years and up will be required to wear a face covering or a mask in public at any time they can't maintain a six-foot social distance. Under the Executive Order, businesses will require employees to wear one as well.

"People should wear a mask and they should be reminded if they're not wearing a mask that they're not, and private establishments do need to require that people who enter their establishment wear a mask," said Governor Pritzker.

The City of Kankakee will continue to operate under the guidelines of Governor Pritzker's Executive Order. The Kankakee Police Department will continue to work with residents, as well as local businesses to assist in seeking compliance within the community.

"We are in critical, uncharted times during this pandemic. We want to encourage everyone to make their health and safety a priority, not just for them, but also for their loved ones and others in the community. The City will continue to operate, while remaining an active voice in providing and sharing additional updates and resources," said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

River Valley Metro released an update stating all passengers will be required to wear a face covering or mask. Passengers not wearing one to cover their nose and mouth will not be allowed on the bus. Keep in mind that face coverings do not have to be hospital grade.

Essential businesses, including grocery stores will be required to continue to follow social distancing guidelines. Among other modifications under the extended Executive Order, outdoor recreational activities such as golf, boating and fishing can resume with

social distancing guidelines in place. Some state parks are also allowed to re-open, including the Kankakee River State Park.

City of Kankakee offices will remain closed to the public until further notice with employees reporting to work to continue to conduct operations and provide services. To view the City of Kankakee's action plan by each department, visit <https://citykankakee-il.gov/perch/resources/covid19cityactionplanupdated5pm002.pdf>. Para los residentes de habla hispana, visite <https://citykankakeeil.gov/perch/resources/covid19cityactionplanspanish-1.pdf>.

All City Council meetings and committee meetings will continue to be broadcasted LIVE to the public three ways; on Comcast local channel 4, the City of Kankakee's YouTube channel and website at www.citykankakee-il.gov. All committee meetings are listed on the City's website located under the media tab for public viewing purposes. Public comments can be submitted by email at publiccomment@citykankakee-il.gov. Comments will be accepted up to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the particular committee meeting. For additional information, visit www.citykankakee-il.gov or call 815-933-0502.

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